

Meeting of the South Bay Aerospace Alliance May 5,2020

The South Bay Aerospace Alliance (SBAA) held its May meeting on May 5, 2020, via teleconference.

Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Several elected officials provided a description of how their cities or agencies have responded to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 1. Scott Houston, Director of West Basin, said that his agency is in the midst of budget planning and that most of the staff is working from home and diligently focused on keeping the water supply safe.
 2. Sen. Feinstein's office reported that, because of the pandemic, new plans for scheduling, committees, and votes, are being worked out. Even though 3 bills have been passed, both Republicans and Democrats are looking for another relief package, and a wide range of bills is being proposed. The Senator has a robust Covid-19 page which she hopes the public will consult.
 3. Congressman Lieu's office reported that the Congressman is a co-sponsor of the Coronavirus Relief Act and wants to funnel money directly to cities with a population of less than 500,000.
 4. Senator Allen's office reported that the State would start loosening restrictions that week. It was expected that businesses would look different, with restaurants operating at 25% capacity. The State was also expecting a backlog of 3 weeks of EDD claims.
- The Economic Impact/Outlook was discussed by a representative from US Bank. The previous Friday, the manufacturing sector reported that it had taken a big hit from this unprecedented, quick slowdown. Suppliers are seeing all their indexes as the lowest numbers since World War II. The banks are shifting to main street lending but there is no expectation of a mad rush from companies. They are more careful about applying for ordinary lending programs than they were about trying to obtain Payroll Protection Program loans, which were guaranteed.
- The SBAA intends to do a South Bay Economic Impact Study/Forecast to help tell the story of the value of the LA Air Force Base to the South Bay community. The SBAA is soliciting support for that effort.
- The next meeting of the SBAA will be held on July 7, 2020.

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